

Night Scenes of the Bible
“The Night of Redemption”
Exodus 12
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Introduction: Our first night scene is one of the most important in the Bible.

- Luke 2
- It is the night God delivered His people from their bondage in Egypt.
- It is called “The Passover.”
- Exodus 12:1-14 & v.v. 29-30

*** The Passover is perhaps the clearest picture (or type) in the Old Testament of redemption through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

- 1 Corinthians 5:7- “...for even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us”
- I want us to focus on four lessons from this night of redemption and deliverance.

I. A Lesson on Sin

*** God takes sin very seriously!**

- Why? Because God is holy and righteous!
- God will and must judge sin (v. 12)
- Romans 6:23- “For the wages of sin is death...”

*** God will judge the sin of Egypt!**

- Their false God’s (v. 12)
- Pharaoh (his hard heart)
- The death of the Hebrew baby boys (retribution)

*** The Hebrews in their homes were also sinners.**

- Romans 3:23- “For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God”
- (v. 23) “...I will not suffer the destroyer to come to unto your houses to smite you.”
- They were not exempt because of their race, religion or morality.
- The Hebrews had:
 - 1) Rejected Moses—God’s prophet, with God’s Word.
 - 2) They were guilty of idolatry (Joshua 24:14)
 - 3) They were sinners by nature (Adam’s fall)

*** The tenth plague was a sign of God’s judgement against all humanity.**

- Romans 3:19- “Now we know that what things soever the Law saith, it saith to them who are under the Law; that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.”

* So, is there no hope? No deliverance?

- There is! God provides a substitute!

II. A Lesson on Substitution

* (v.v. 3-6)

- (v. 3) “a lamb,” (v. 4) “the lamb,” (v. 5) “your lamb”
 - 1) The Chosen Lamb (v.v. 3-4)
 - 2) The Spotless Lamb (v. 5)
 - Why is there value in Christ’s blood?
 - 3) The Sacrificial Lamb (Jesus)
 - 1 Peter 1:19- type of Christ

* God required a Lamb, and God provided a Lamb.

- Adam and Eve sinned (fig leaves). God provided a Lamb (one lamb for one person)
- Exodus 12 at Passover (one lamb per family)
- Day of Atonement (one Lamb for the nation)
 - John the Baptist- “Behold the Lamb of God...”
 - One Lamb for the sin of the world!

* The consistent message of the Bible is that if you want to meet God, you must meet God on the basis of the Lamb!

- Illustration- Genesis 22- Isaac asked “where is the Lamb?”
- Illustration- We are not saved by His example or teaching, only by His deed.

* Jesus is our Passover Lamb!

- Revelation 13:8- “The Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world”
- Jonathan Edwards- “*Christ and His redemption are the subjects of the whole Word of God.*”
- Jesus was crucified at Passover!
- He died as our substitution!

III. A Lesson of Salvation

- * God not only required a Lamb, but He also required a slain Lamb.
 - (v. 6) “shall kill it”
 - “Blood” is mentioned five times in chapter 12 (v. 7, v. 13, v. 22, v.23)
 - Why is “blood” important?
 - The life is in the blood (Leviticus 17:14)
 - Hebrews 9:22- “without the shedding of blood there is no remission...”
 - Illustration- Steven Spielberg- “The Prince of Egypt”
- * (v. 12) Note two theological truths about the blood of Christ:
 - 1) “The blood shall be to you for a token”
 - a. So, when we look at the cross, I am “forgiven” or “justification”
 - b. Romans 5:9- “Being now justified by His blood...”
 - 2) (v. 13) “When I (God) see the blood, I will pass over you”
 - a. Propitiation (God sees the blood)
 - b. 1 John 1:7- “...the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.”
 - c. Ephesians 1:7- “In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”
- * Picture the night the Hebrews huddled in their homes (v.v. 29-30).
 - The Hebrews were saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9)
 - Not by feelings, but by “faith!”

IV. A Lesson on Service

- * Why did God redeem them?
 - 1) For His glory!
 - 2) For fellowship or communion (v.v. 7-10)
 - 3) Service (v. 11)
 - a. Loins girded
 - b. Shoes on your feet
 - c. Staff in your hand
 - d. Ephesians 2:10- “For we are His workmanship...”